## **Broadband Mini-Loop**

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# Model – Mini-Loop

## Specifications, Analysis, & Usage

#### **OPERATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Specifications of this broadband digital mode Mini-Loop:

- Receive: Low noise characteristics for digital mode from 1.8MHz through 1GHz.
- Transmit: Support without a tuner for digital mode from 10MHz through 54MHz.

#### **USAGE SPECIFICATIONS**

- Deployable with quantum and/or spread-spectrum equipment.
  - For equipment that simultaneously uses many frequencies.
- Missions that require Ground-wave and/or Skywave HF communications.
- Useful when an isolated solution is required that requires no counterpoise.

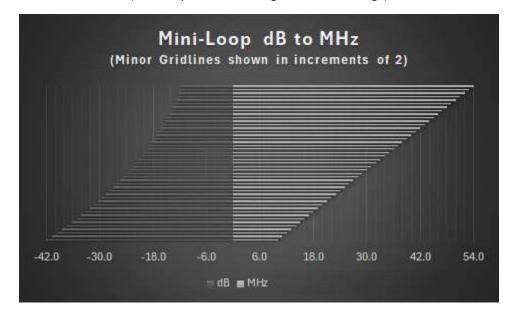
#### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Option 1: 20W at 25% duty cycle, 10W at 50% duty cycle, and 5W for 100% duty cycle (digital modes).

Option 2: 100W at 25% duty cycle, 50W at 50% duty cycle, and 25W for 100% duty cycle (digital modes). Including but not limited to the MIL-STD-188 M110a digital communications mode that is rated at 25 watts continuous with bursts of 100 watts digital for up to 1 minute using the MIL-STD Data Modem Terminal (MS-DMT) and Automated Message Terminal (AMT) software applications.

#### **ESTIMATED GAIN**

(Based upon Field Strength Meter readings)

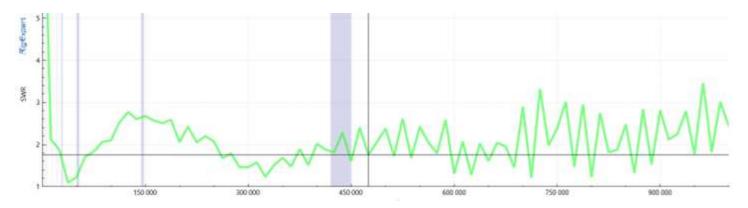




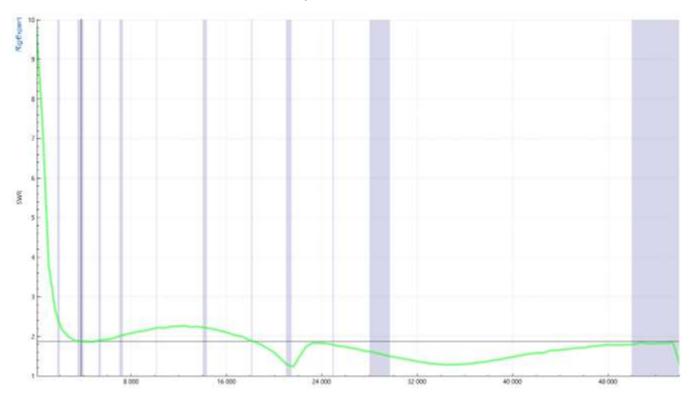
## **Analysis**

The following results were nearly identical, whether taken indoors, outside, or in a backpack.

### Analysis from 0-1GHz



### Analysis from 0-54MHz



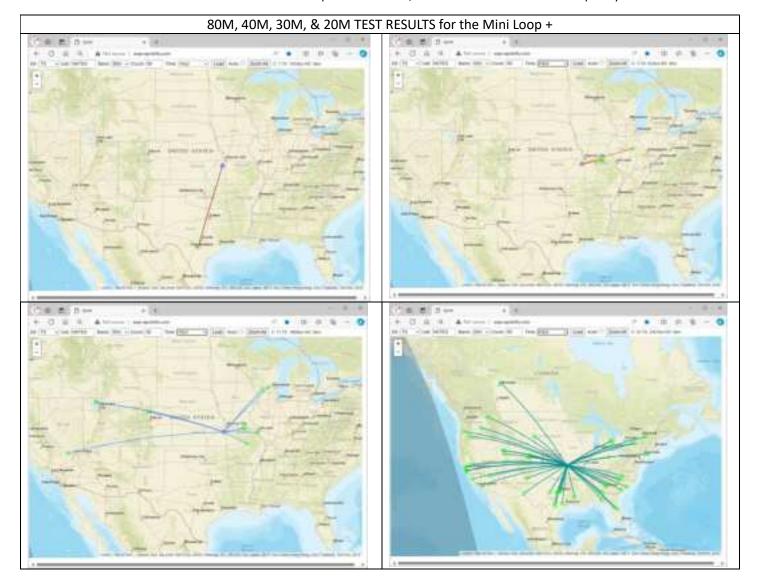
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### WSPR TX Test at 250mw

For TX we purposely tested the loop while deployed between two metal buildings & at 250mw.

NOTE – TX efficiencies increase as power increases, which can lower the usable frequency.

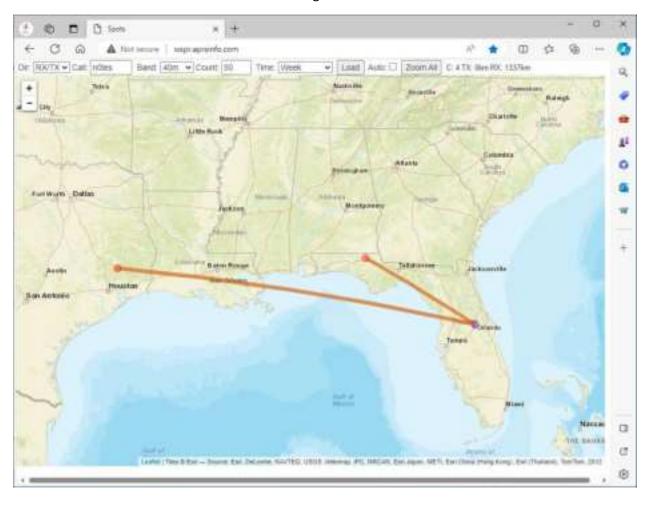


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### **WSPR 40M RX Test**

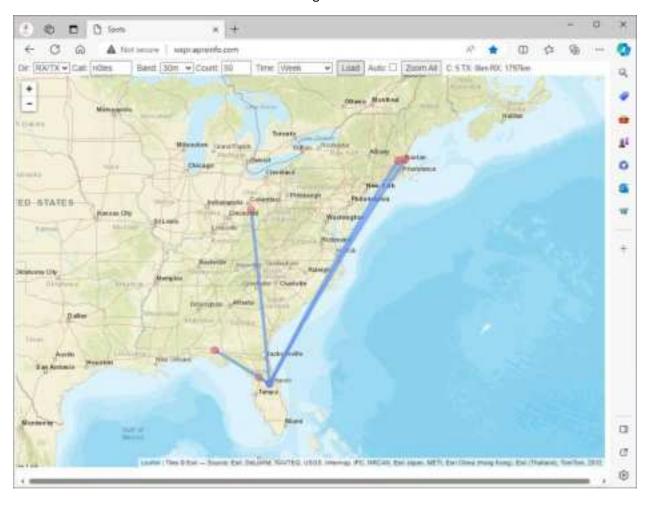
For all RX tests we purposely tested the loop while deployed indoors and between floors of a multi-story building.

Max Range = 1337km



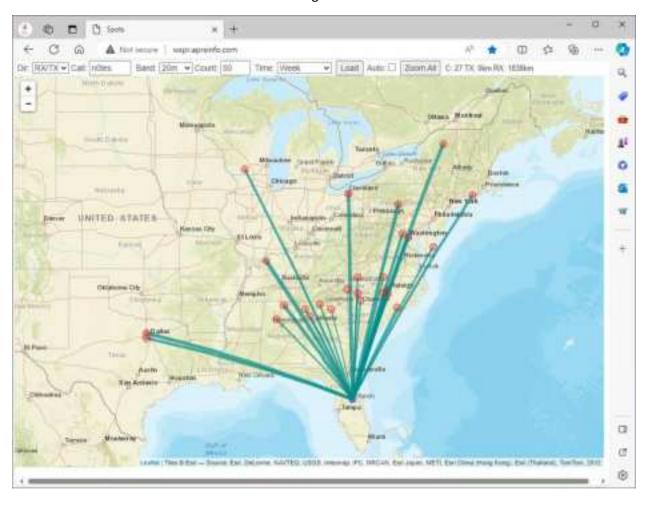
### **WSPR 30M RX Test**

Max Range = 1797km



### **WSPR 20M RX Test**

Max Range = 1838km



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#### **USAGE**

Where secrecy is paramount, communication through unseen methods plays a crucial role. Some of the usage scenarios of clandestine antennas include:

- 1. Clandestine Communications in Cyber-Denied Environments:
  - ✓ Context: In an era where internet-based communications are vulnerable to surveillance and attacks, intelligence operatives seek alternative methods.
  - ✓ Scenario: Imagine a situation where an operative needs to communicate without exposing themselves to internet-based surveillance.
  - ✓ Solution:
    - Physical Separation: Platforms physically separated from the internet can be used. These platforms are not susceptible to internet-based surveillance or attacks.
    - Radio Technology: Combine modern computer-based software with radio technology.
  - ✓ Importance: Counterintelligence and law enforcement must adapt to these evolving communication methods.
  - ✓ Countermeasures: Detect radio-based clandestine communications and secure evidence.
- 2. Operational Scenarios where concealment and minimizing visibility are critical:
  - ✓ Inside a Parked Car:
    - o Example: Monitoring a nearby building while parked outside.
      - Setup: Transmitter, receiver, and antennas positioned out of sight from windows.
  - ✓ Between Floors in an Office Building:
    - o Example: Operating from the third floor to the first floor.
      - Setup: Transmitter, receiver, and antennas positioned out of sight carried out of site under clothing.
  - ✓ Out in the Open:
    - Example: Providing regional communications support while deployed in the field.
      - Setup: Transmitter, receiver, and antennas positioned out of sight inside a backpack.

Remember, clandestine antennas are designed to operate covertly, avoiding detection by adversaries. Their success lies in striking a balance between effective communication and maintaining secrecy with a right sized antenna.

<u>All</u> these solutions are enabled by the Broadband Alpha Loop.

